

Inspiration and Inerrancy

Is the Bible flawed or is it free from all error?

1. If it contains mistakes, it cannot fulfill its intended purpose: convey will of God in trustworthy manner.
2. A mistake in one part implies possibility of mistakes in other parts.
3. If Bible is mixture of truth and error, how does it differ from other books?

I. What Does The Bible Claim For Itself?

■ God has revealed Himself in . . .

1. **Creation**, Ps.33:6

2. **Revelation**, 2 Tim.3:16

¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Prophecies did not originate from will of any private man, but by Holy Spirit

2 Pt.1

²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Dt.18:18

Acts 27:15, 17

Acts 2:2

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2 Pt.3:15-16

God speaks through Bible

For **God commanded**, saying, *'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death'* – Mt.15:4

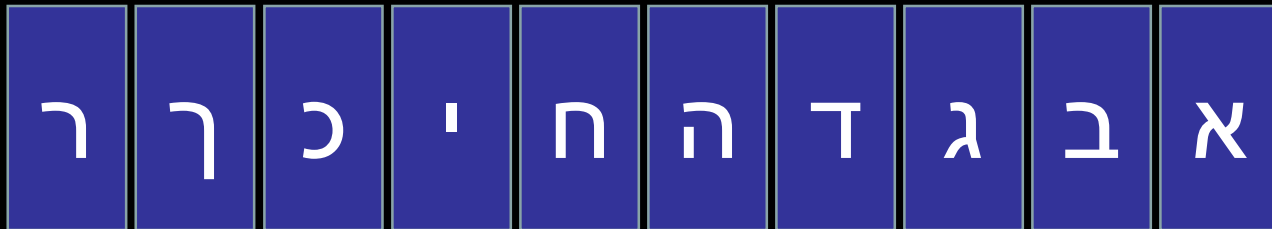
For **Moses said**, *'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death'* – Mk.7:10

Jesus quotes
Ex.20:12 for
both passages

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Of God's Inspiration?

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 1. Mt.10:17-20 (Ac.26)
 2. Jn.14:25-26
 3. Jn.16:13

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- Includes statements about . . .

SCIENCE

HISTORY

GEOGRAPHY

- NT is not a geography book, but is accurate in every reference

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- John 10:35

Cannot be broken:
annulled, shown to be in error,
deprived of binding authority.

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- Inerrancy applies to original copies of Scripture, NOT later copies
 - Hand-copy book of John . . .
 - 2 Sam.23:8
 - Bulletins

1. We can discover original words.
2. Copyists' errors do not affect doctrine.
3. Virtually includes accurate translations.

Aunt Sally's apple pie recipe

- Heat oven to 425°F.
- Mix sugar, flour, and salt.
- Stir in apples.
- Roll pastry. Fold and cut slits...
- Bake 50 minutes or until crust is brown and juice bubbles out.

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**IV. Answering
Misunderstandings**

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1. Variety in style. Ex.20:8-11...
Dt.5:12-15.

a. Mt.16:16; Mk.8:29; Lk.9:20

b. Variations are compatible with inerrancy.

- John – simple vocabulary; deep
- Luke – complex vocabulary
- Paul – logic
- James – practical

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2. Variety in details.

a. Jesus sometimes spoke Aramaic (Mk.5:41); writers wrote Greek.

b. Writers could use different words to describe same incident.

Mark 5:42

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Luke 8:55

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 - a. John 19:26-27
 - b. We also choose long or short version . . .

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4. Use of non-biblical sources.
 - a. Balaam, pagan prophet, Nu.24:17
 - b. Balaam's donkey, Nu.22:28
 - c. Caiaphas, Jn.11:50
 - d. Menander, 1 Co.15:33

“All truth is God's truth”